

**Statute of Organization  
„International Graduate School for  
Neuroscience“  
of the Ruhr University**

The faculties of psychology, of chemistry, of biology and of medicine have decided upon the following statute of organization based on art. 43 para. 5 p. 3 in conjunction with art. 43 para. 1 p. 2 of the constitution of the Ruhr University Bochum from March, 14<sup>th</sup> 2002 (Bulletin No. 462 from March, 26<sup>th</sup> 2002) for the establishment and operation of the jointly held Graduate School:

**I. Establishment**

- 1.1 Joint determining committee (directorate).  
The faculties of psychology, of chemistry, of biology and of medicine will establish a joint determining committee (directorate) according to art. 28 para. 6 in conjunction with art. 15 para. 1 p. 4+5 HG for the joint administration of intrafaculty tasks associated with the constitution of the International Graduate School for Neuroscience (IGSN), its normal operation in teaching, study and research and its further development. The faculties will assign, until further notice, their corresponding decisionmaking authority to this committee. The institute of neuroinformatics is represented in the directorate by a permanent consulting member.
- 1.2 Dean of Studies and Speaker  
The participating faculties will assign the tasks which are associated with the organization of the contents of teaching and study at the International Graduate School to a professor who is recruited to these tasks in a joint appellate proceeding (accomplished by a constituted appellate committee of one of the faculties of psychology, of chemistry, of biology as well as of medicine). He / she will be a non-voting member of the directorate. The cognizances of the directorate will be unaffected. The members of the directorate will elect a spokesman (Speaker) and its deputy from its midst.
- 1.3 Membership  
The directorate will decide about the membership of the IGSN. Until the time of appointment of the directorate the group of applicants will decide. Applications for the membership can be filed from the groups of professors, of scientific assistants as well as of scholars.

**II. Tasks**

Until further notice the directorate shall be assigned, according to this devolution, with

the power and authority, via the relevant faculty councils, to guarantee the completeness and regularity of the teaching programme of the International Graduate School including its planning and development according to the respective requirements, in particular, of the joint examination regulations for the graduate study curriculum and the degree of Ph.D. in neuroscience. Before adoption, the joint Studies-, Examination- and Graduation-regulations as well as the curriculum for the graduate degree course have to be presented for review to each teaching commission from the faculties involved. The faculty commission for teaching is entitled to make corrective and amendment proposals. Furthermore it shall be responsible for decisionmaking in all fundamental affairs of the International School without prejudice of the competence of the faculties involved, or of the dean. The directorate will decide about the choice of applicants and the allocation of scholarships. In case of doubt, the Rectorat will decide about questions of jurisdiction.

**III. Members of the directorate\***

Voting members of the directorate will comprise the group's representatives in terms of art. 13 para. 1 HG in a ratio of 5:1:1:2 resp. their deputies.  
They will be elected separately in groups by representatives of each faculty council (incl. its deputies). For this the IGSN can submit proposals.  
The same also applies to the respective deputies of the members of the directorate.  
For the overall composition of the directorate (members and its deputies), it must be guaranteed that all faculties involved are represented by member of its faculty. The term of office amounts to 3 years; that of the student members 1 year.

**IV. Chairman**

The speaker will act as chairman of the directorate.

**V. Studies commission**

1. The studies commission is responsible for all questions concerning the curriculum of the graduate degree course. It can submit proposals for the choice of applicants and the allocations of scholarships.
2. 5 professors as well as the dean of studies, 2 graduated scientific assistants and 3 scholarship holders will comprise the members of the studies commission

(6:2:3). The studies commission will be appointed by the directorate.

The term of office of the members of the studies commission amounts to 3 years.

3. This regulation applies to the representatives of the students only for the first term. In following years the students of the International Graduate School will delegate their own representatives each for one year, by immediate vote.
4. The representatives of the students will participate in the studies commission in an advisory capacity.
5. The dean of studies will act as chairperson of the commission.

#### **VI. International advisory board of the IGSN**

The rectorate of the Ruhr University Bochum will nominate an international advisory board comprising one member of the rectorate, 2 deans of the faculties involved and, according to the proposal of the directorate of the IGSN, external members representing the spectrum of (scientific) fields of the IGSN. This advisory board will accompany the work of the IGSN in a consultant capacity and will conduct an evaluation of the progress of the IGSN in research and teaching, every 3 years. The first evaluation will take place in spring 2004. The membership of the advisory board will normally span 3 years. Single members can be affirmed for a further term.

The advisory board will submit its report to the faculties and the senate of the university.

#### **VII. Office of the International Graduate School**

The International Graduate School has its own office, which is assigned under the direction of a managerial assistant (Assistant Dean) to the directorate.

The Dean of Studies is the chief of the office staff.

#### **VIII. Reporting**

One voting member of the directorate will report, at regular intervals (minimum of once a year) to the faculties involved, about the directorate's work. This member is required to submit information to the dean of the faculties involved.

#### **IX. Rules of procedure**

The directorate is subject to rules of procedure. These rules regulate, in addition to the modes of practice of the directorate and the studies commission of the IGSN, in

particular the manner and extent of the compensation for the teaching contribution by the respective faculties, of which the IGSN avails. The manner and extent of the compensation will be calculated from the CNW of the IGSN and the proportionately contributed teaching units. The institute for Neuroinformatics, as represented by a permanent member of the directorium, is also subject to the rules of procedure.

#### **X. Commencement**

This statute becomes effective after its resolution by the faculties involved. It will be published in the bulletins of the Ruhr-University.

Executed on the basis of the resolutions of the faculty boards of the faculties of psychology (July, 10<sup>th</sup> 2002), of chemistry (June, 24<sup>th</sup> 2002), of biology (February, 5<sup>th</sup> 2002) and of medicine (February, 20<sup>th</sup> 2002).

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The rectorate  
of the Ruhr-University Bochum  
University professor Dr. Dietmar Petzina

\* Group of the Professors 5:

1 member of the faculty of Biology, Chemistry, Psychology, and Medicine. The same holds for the deputies.

For the elected speaker a member will succeed.

Group of Scientific Assistants 1:

1 member of the faculty of Biology or Chemistry, 1 deputy of the faculty of Medicine or Psychology.

Reversal of the order in the subsequent term of office

Group of non-scientific Assistants 1:

1 member of the faculty of Medicine or Psychology, 1 deputy of the faculty of Chemistry or Biology.

Reversal of the order in the subsequent term of office.

Group of Students 2:

2 members of faculties where no scientific and non-scientific Assistant is elected, deputies of the remaining faculties

or:

1 member of the faculty of Medicine and Chemistry, 1 deputy of the faculty of Biology and Psychology.

Reversal of the order in the subsequent term of office.